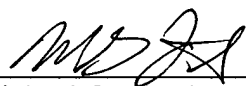


### REMARKS

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please cancel original claims 1-18 and add new claims 23-38. These claims were originally presented in U.S. Application Serial No. 08/294,465, filed on August 23, 1994, and are believed to have been cancelled due to a subsequent restriction requirement. Therefore, Applicants represent these claims herein for substantive examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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